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edges which form as said stent is expanded radially outwardly from a first diameter to a second, enlarged diameter, whereby said stent does not substantially shorten upon expansion from said first diameter to said second, larger diameter.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986 filed December 9, 1993, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 07/783,558 filed October 28, 1991, now abandoned.

Claims 1-11 relate generally to a longitudinally flexible stent which, when expanded, develop a plurality of projections that form on its outer surface and which are used to assist in the attachment of the stent in a body lumen.

In U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986, a final rejection of all claims was pending in view of the prior art. Applicants have carried over the pending claims from the '86 application (now claims 12-24) and have added language to the main claims in order to further distinguish over the prior art. Thus, pending claim 12, which was claim 1 of the '86 application, now has added language in which the stent retains its overall length without substantial shortening. Support for this language is found in the specification at page 4, lines 24-28. Applicants believe that with this addition to claim 12, the claim is patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and all other prior art of

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which Applicants are aware. None of the art discloses an intraluminal stent having cylindrical elements which independently expand thereby allowing expansion of the stent without substantial shortening. Accordingly, claim 12 and the claims which depend therefrom, are believed to be patentable over the prior art of record.

Claims 25 and 26 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment in order to claim all that Applicants are entitled to with respect to the invention. Examination of claims 25 and 26 is requested as well.

Counsel for Applicants remains available for a telephone interview or a personal interview with the Examiner in order to expedite the case to obtain early allowance. Applicants counsel can be reached at (310) 824-5555.

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